

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING  
FOR THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD  
FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT**

A Public Meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Superior Court was convened Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 109, Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

**Board Members Present in Conference Room 109:** Kevin Kluge, Chair; Jason Hathcock, Mark Smalley, Rob Lubitz

**Board Members Present by Conference Call:** Danna Quinn

**Also Present:** Annette Corallo, Board Secretary; Blanca Moreno, Recorder

**Call to Order:**

**Approval of the Minutes:**

November 7, 2017 – Public Meeting Minutes

**MOTION: A motion to approve the public meeting minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting was made by Rob Lubitz.** Motion was seconded and passed unanimously; minutes stand approved. **CORP 2017-60**

**Selection of Board Attorney:**

The current contract extension with Grasso Law Firm to provide professional legal services to the Board ends on January 31, 2018.

At its meeting on November 7, 2017, the Board directed the Board Secretary to solicit written bids for legal services. Three bids were received and provided to the Board for review.

Board member Rob Lubitz stated that Hannah Auckland with Grasso Law Firm clearly has the most extensive experience with advising CORP boards, including this Board. The Board members stated they have been happy with Ms. Auckland's attorney services and would like to continue to contract with Grasso Law Firm.

**MOTION: A motion to instruct the Board Secretary prepare a contract for legal counsel for the Board with Grasso Law Firm beginning February 1, 2018, and ending January 31, 2020 was made by Mark Smalley.** Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2017-61**

**Approval of Retiree Return to Work:**

**A. Paul E. Castro**

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from Yuma County for Paul E. Castro. The form indicates that Mr. Castro retired from the Yuma County Superior Court under CORP on December 31, 2015, and returned to work for the Yuma County Superior Court on March 13, 2017, as a Probation Officer II. This position is a CORP designated position.

**MOTION: A motion that the Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Paul E. Castro and finds (1) Mr. Castro is eligible to continue to receive a CORP pension and (2) Mr. Castro's employer (Yuma County) is responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on his behalf was made by Jason Hathcock. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2017-62**

#### **B. Theodore Gremmel**

The Board received an email from Mary Turner, CORP Pension Benefit Coordinator with the Arizona Department of Corrections, that indicates the Department of Corrections recently hired Theodore Gremmel, an AOC-CORP retiree. Mr. Gremmel retired from the Pinal County Superior Court under CORP effective January 1, 2014, and returned to work for DOC on October 16, 2017, as a Correctional Officer I. A copy of the minutes of the Board's meeting on January 7, 2014, was provided to document the Board's approval of Mr. Gremmel's retirement effective January 1, 2014.

**MOTION: A motion that the Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Theodore Gremmel and finds that Mr. Gremmel is eligible to continue to receive a CORP pension was made by Mark Smalley. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2017-63**

#### **Approval of Normal Retirement Benefits:**

**MOTION: A motion to approve the payment of Normal Retirement benefits to the following applicants in about the following amounts, effective December 1, 2017, was made by Rob Lubitz. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2017-64**

Gayle F. Davis:	\$2,838.52
Gregory J. Galusky:	\$2,138.07
Grace Ku-Richards:	\$4,707.24; Reverse DROP Estimate: \$66,678.56
Patricia L. Savage:	\$3,071.28
Michael J. Taylor:	\$2,216.52

#### **Adoption of Rules of Local Board Procedure:**

The full text of the proposed Uniform Rules for this Board, as discussed at the Board's meetings on September 5, 2017, and November 7, 2017, were provided for review and adoption.

**MOTION: A motion that the Board adopt the proposed Rules of Local Board Procedure for the CORP Local Board for the Judiciary pursuant to the Board's authority under A.R.S. §38-893.F was made by Jason Hathcock. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2017-65**

The Board asked the Board Secretary to check with the Board Attorney about whether matters appealed into the Superior Court under these rules would be handled in the Superior Court in the county where the action is filed or whether all matters are handled in a particular county.

#### **Acknowledgement of CORP Physical Exam Final Letters:**

The Chair noted, for the record, that physical examination reports for Craig Burchwell and Abigail Hillman were not received within 60 days of receipt of their membership applications and that final letters requesting an examination were sent to these members via certified mail on November 20, 2017.

#### **Approval of Membership:**

The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of the following requests for membership or defer decision to a later date:

Avila, Natasha	Pima	7/17/2017
Azimi, Ryan	Mohave	10/2/2017
Burchwell, Craig	Coconino	7/3/2017
Cazares, Carlos	Pima	9/25/2017
Crews, Donna	Pima	8/21/2017
Cuen, Eric	Yuma	10/23/2017
Demge, Elizabeth	Pinal	9/26/2017
Durbin, Matthew	Mohave	8/21/2017
Galaz, Sara	Pima	10/2/2017
Galvez, Amayrani	Mohave	9/18/2017
Garcia, Anahi	Maricopa	10/30/2017
Hamblin, Maria	Pima	8/17/2017
Hillman, Abigail	Coconino	5/22/2017
Hills, Lisa	Pinal	10/9/2017
Hooke, Angel	Gila	9/12/2017
Jacinto, Gilbert	Gila	7/31/2017
Livingston, Ceejaye	Apache	7/17/2017
Luera, Erika	Yuma	9/5/2017
Mackie, Mariah	Pima	10/16/2017
Montoya-Trigueros, Danielle	Pinal	8/14/2017
Munoz Feliz, Jessica	Maricopa	10/9/2017
Nava, Felipe	Maricopa	10/30/2017
Navarrete, Edward	Greenlee	8/28/2017
Olson, Nikki	Apache	4/24/2017
Rineard, Erica	Maricopa	7/17/2017
Schultz, Alexander	Maricopa	10/30/2017
Silvestre, Sabrina	Pima	8/21/2017

Thompson, Alicia	Maricopa	10/16/2017
Torres, Joanna	Pinal	10/9/2017
Woods Jr., Sean	Maricopa	11/6/2017

**MOTION: A motion to approve the 30 applicants listed on the agenda for this meeting for membership in CORP pursuant to A.R.S. §38-893.D and to note for the record that the physical examinations for Natasha Avila, Donna Crews, Matthew Durbin, Maria Hamblin, Danielle Montoya-Trigueros, Erica Rineard and Sabrina Silvestre identified a physical or mental condition or injury that existed or occurred before their date of membership in the plan was made by Danna Quinn. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2017-66**

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

The Board Secretary advised the Board to expect a lengthy meeting on January 9, 2018, when four disability cases will be on the agenda, along with a position eligibility determination for Mohave County and a membership request determination from 35 detention officers in Pima County.

#### **Call to the Public:**

No members of the public addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Transcribed December 5, 2017